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2008 Combined Federal Campaign Exceeds Goal

Rob Strain, Center Director

The final results from this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) have been tallied, and I'm delighted to report that Goddard Space Flight Center exceeded its campaign goal for this year.



Despite all the concerns and uncertainties about our nation's economy, Greenbelt came through with \$562,376 being raised for charities. Wallops raised \$33,523 with a participation rate of 21%.

We have demonstrated that even in these difficult economic times, we are a community that cares deeply about the welfare of others and generous in our giving to those who benefit from these charitable causes.

I'd especially like to thank Paul Mexcur who served as this year's Campaign Chairman, Nancy Abell, who served as our Center Champion for the Campaign and Jeff Reddish who chaired the Wallops Campaign. They did an outstanding job.

I'd also like to thank the outstanding efforts of our CFC volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time and talents to help make this CFC campaign an outstanding success.

Your generous support for the CFC comes at a critical time, as these funds will benefit numerous local, national, and international charities struggling to provide for people affected by this global recession.

Your contributions will support research to cure diseases, feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide disaster relief, clean up our environment, support youth programs, among many other worthy activities.

Thank you for your generous support of the CFC and making this important investment in helping people. You are "stars" in the lives of others, not only in our community, but also around our world!

March is National Women's History Month

In 2009, the National Women's History Project honors women who have taken the lead in the environmental or "green" movement.

The 2009 honorees are scientists, engineers, business leaders, writers, filmmakers, conservationists, teachers, community organizers, religious or workplace leaders or others whose lives show exceptional vision and leadership to save our planet.

Spring Ahead

Daylight Saving Time begins at
2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8



NASA Budget

Acting NASA Administrator, Christopher Scolese, made the following comment in response to the 2010 fiscal year (FY) budget overview for NASA, released on February 26:

"The \$18.7 billion budget proposal for 2010 is fiscally responsible and reflects the Administration's desire for a robust and innovative agency aligned with the President's goals of advancing our nation's scientific, educational, economic, and security interests."

"This budget ensures NASA maintains its global leadership in Earth and space research, and it advances global climate change studies, funds a robust program of human and robotic space exploration, allows us to realize the full potential of the International Space Station, advances development of new space transportation systems, and renews our commitment to aeronautics."

For more information about FY2010 overview, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/budget>

Wallops Shorts.....

Launch

A NASA Terrier-Black Brant sounding rocket was launched from White Sands Missile Range, N.M., on February 25.

Dr. James Brock, California Institute of Technology is the experimenter for the 1,016 pound, Cosmic Infrared Background Experiment, which was to investigate the spectral and spatial properties of the extra-galactic near-infrared background by observing seven science targets.

Good data was obtained. The payload was recovered.

Bill Payne, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract (NSROC) was the mission manager.

Electric Consumption Rankings January 21 to February 20, 2009

Overall Rankings

1. E-134	-50.8 %	23. AEGIS	-1.6 %
2. Y-15	-27.9 %	24. M-15	+1.4 %
3. X-15	-18.3 %	25. A-1	+1.5 %
4. X-55	-17.8 %	26. F-1	+2.3 %
5. M-20	-16.0 %	27. F-9	+2.3 %
6. B-129	-15.6 %	28. N-222	+2.4 %
7. X-35	-15.1 %	29. E-2	+2.7 %
8. E-109	-13.7 %	30. N-162	+4.4 %
9. E-104	-13.6 %	31. E-107	+7.6 %
10. W-20	-13.3 %	32. N-159	+8.7 %
11. Z-40	-13.3 %	33. W-65	+9.5 %
12. Z-65	-11.5 %	34. E-7	+10.6 %
13. F-5	-11.2 %	35. E-105	+11.3 %
14. E-100	-7.1 %	36. F-160	+13.0 %
15. F-3	-5.2 %	37. B-31	+14.4 %
16. D-8	-5.1 %	38. N-161	+16.7 %
17. V-24	-5.1 %	39. V-050	+17.2 %
18. F-6	-4.9 %	40. F-16	+24.8 %
19. X-75	-4.8 %	41. F-4	+28.5 %
20. D-10	-4.2 %	42. F-7	+29.4 %
21. W-40	-4.1 %	43. W-15	+30.8 %
22. F-10	-2.5 %	44. E-106	+31.3 %



Contracting Officer Technical Representation Certification

March 9 – 13
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bldg. E104, Rm 308

Learn through instructor lecture, class discussion and in-class exercises/presentations. The topics covered in this course are the mandatory core topics as required by NSF 1842.270(f).

Participants will learn contracting authority, procurement integrity, performance based contracting, modifications, personal vs. non-personal services Service Contracting Act and Anti-Deficiency Act compliance, contract financial management, changes and disputes clause, government property, contract close-out responsibilities, risk based acquisition management, and other contract actions.

For more information call Jeanette Staton at x66-4121 or email: Jeanette.M.Staton@nasa.gov

STEP UP Internships

NASA, Worcester County, Lower Shore Workforce Alliance, Salisbury University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore have joined together to form the STEP UP (Science, Technology, Engineering Pipeline for Underserved Populations) program.

STEP UP provides internship opportunities throughout the year for students who wish to pursue careers in technology based disciplines.

STEP UP will provide students with opportunities to work with NASA scientists, engineers, technologists and administrative personnel from June 15 – August 7, 2009.

The students will be assigned work projects and assignments allowing them to explore careers in science, technology and engineering.

The internship is for eight (8) weeks, 40 hours a week.

Applications must be submitted by March 20. For applications or further information contact Brenda Dingwall at x1412 or call (410) 632-3112.



EAP Lunch & Learn

Get ready for spring: nip anxiety and depression in the bud



March 30
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bldg. E-2, Williamsburg Room

In this interactive workshop, Peggy Swan and Sharon Parker of Accomac Family Counseling, will show attendees how to reduce stress by learning to identify and modify distorted thought patterns such as catastrophizing, mind-reading, and fortune-telling to prevent them from resulting in anxious and depressive mind-sets.

Attendees are encouraged to bring examples of recent episodes that elicited negative emotions—examples that can be known only to the individual and perhaps one example to share with the group.



On Chincoteague, spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. \$575 + deposit & electricity. Call Jerry (757) 894-5914.

Register on SATERN: <https://satern.nasa.gov>

Mid Career Planning: FERS

March 9 & 10
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bldg. E100, Breakout Rm

The class includes a detailed look at the Thrift Saving Plan and long-term care options. What benefits employees would retain upon leaving the Government before retirement, what benefits are available to family members if an employee dies before retirement, and how a break in Federal Service affects future benefits will be discussed.

FERS employees with 5-15 years of service are encouraged to attend.

For more information call Qiuna Harris at x66-3061 or email: Qiuna.T.Harris@nasa.gov

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